Steedly Explains Virginia Fibre's Operation

John Steedly, Vice President of Virginia Fibre Corporation explains progress and plans for firm's new plant at Riverville as he addressed the Appomattox Chamber of Commerce at meeting last Thursday at Maude's Restaurant.

Superintendent's Dedication Message

This building we dedicate today represents the hopes, aspirations and dreams of the citizens of Appomattox County.

We live in the present, but we must always have concern for the future. Our youth are our future. Is there a more urgent responsibility for the present generation to accept than to provide opportunities for our youth to develop to their maximum potentials? We must provide programs and experiences to insure that our youth acquire those skills, concepts, understandings, appreciations and values which will enable them to live successfully in the world they will inherit.

We dedicate this educational institution to the building of sound values and principles.

We are approaching the 200th anniversary of this great nation. Even with our many problems, we are the greatest nation on the face of the earth. We can make this claim because our direction has been guided by those qualities of man-his values which have withstood the test of time. These values are as strong and defensible today as ever before.

One of those values is truth. Truth serves as the glue to hold society together. It is the foundation upon which is built respect for one's self and for others. It is the force that creates trust, that generates love, that makes one bigger than himself.

We are accustomed to saying that the truth makes men free. It is the knowledge of the truth that creates freedom. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free". We are now at the stage where the main emphasis must be on dissemination of the truth. We need a campaign of education, with all men and women involved in the task. We need a baptism of the right kind of literature, periodicals, and truth carrying messages that will make the people of the nation and the rest of the world sit up and take notice. We have reached the place where we can no longer take the defensive; we must once again resume the offensive. The millions of young men and women who are now in our colleges, universities and high schools will take their place in the life of the nation just a few years from now. These institutions are the laboratories where truth must be demonstrated.

We stand at a crossroads. We either teach our youth by word and example the highest values and principles by which we are willing to live or we lose our previous freedom and the basic principles upon which our nation was founded.

It is so easy for individuals and nations to become accustomed to the nothingness of life that we become blind and insensitive to beauty, truth, responsibility, respect and courage. If our value system becomes distorted, we lose our purpose in life and have little or no security upon which to rely.

We dedicate this building to the creation of a learning environment which will enable each student to reach his maximum potential. Each person is an individual with different talents, capabilities and potentials. However, each has similar needs-to be successful, to be wanted, to be understood, to be respected, to meet a wide range of student abilities and interests.

We want a learning environment which will help our students acquire knowledge and understanding. We also want to provide an environment for learning which will help students acquire the skills to become independent learners, to develop self-discipline, to make wise decisions, to be good family members, and to be responsible citizens.

The learning environment at home, at school and in the community must contribute to the development of men and women with the ability, desire and determination to work for the improvement of themselves and their fellowman. This building can only help enhance the environment which will help build men of character, dedication and courage. These qualities are built by the individual and the influences of his actions and interactions with the environment in which he lives.

In the inflated economy today, there is concern regarding what we get for what we spend. How much food can we buy for $10.00? We know there are many necessities. There are also many things we can do without to our advantage.

Where do we have education placed on our list of priorities? Do we consider education a service? Is it a necessity? Do we know of any better way to invest our money than in education? Is there any investment for which greater returns are realized? Each of us can answer these questions very simply by thinking of what education has meant in our own lives. These questions have also been answered in the affirmative by the citizens of this county in the facilities and programs you have provided.

This facility represents an investment in services for the mind, body, spirit and personality of the present and future generations of Appomattox County. The services are fundamental and basic to all other services. They are the kind of services which light candles in the lives of our youth. From each candle which is lighted, many other candles will be lighted throughout life.

This new facility has enabled the school division to expand its program and reorganize its schools to keep pace with the needs of the community. Appomattox is changing. Industry is beginning to play an important role in the life of the community. The quality of the school system is also a factor which has attracted many persons to this community. Of the many developments in the community in recent times, none has had a greater positive influence upon the community and the school system than the opening of this new comprehensive Appomattox County High School.

Let us now with earnest hearts and with exalted faith an hope solemnly consecrate this building to its high and holy purpose. May the youth of this community for generations to come gather in this place to receive instruction in knowledge and training in virtue. May they find here every condition necessary to a true and enlightened education. Especially, may their teachers be examples of excellence in scholarship and character, seekers after goodness and truth, lovers of youth, enthusiasts of the finest in the arts and in the development and inspiration of human souls. May these rooms always be pervaded with an invigorating atmosphere of mental an moral life, and may no student pass from this school to the outer world without having been made more intelligent, more thoughtful, more courageous, more virtuous, and in every way more capable of wise and just, of useful and noble living. To this end, may the blessing of God be upon students and parents, upon students and teachers, upon principal, super i n t e n d e n t, School Board, Board of Supervisors, and upon every one whose influence will in any degree affect the work of education as it shall be conducted within these walls and in Appomattox County.

County Line

The Homecoming at Central Baptist Church was a big success. Many old friends got together and a lot of new ones. Rev. David Bailey gave a wonderful message.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bass and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry visited Mr. and Mrs. John Crawley Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Crawley returned from the hospital on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Joe Irby and Mrs. Pat Davis and daughter visited in the neighborhood Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jordan and son, of North Carolina; Mrs. Gracie Jordan; Glen Jordan, Barry Jordan, of Fredericksburg, Mrs. Bernice Pankey, Mrs. Bettie Langlin, Mrs. Evie Ewers of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jordan Sunday night.

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